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AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

EXAMINER : Karl J. PUTTLITZ

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response of one month, please consider the following remarks.